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SUBJECT: THREE COMINFORMISTS INDICTED IN SPLIT

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1. THE MARCH 11 ZAGREB PRESS REPORTED THE INDICTMENT OF THREE COMINFORMISTS IN SPLIT: KIKOLA BIJADER-KUTLESIC, ANDRIJA BAKOTE, AND SLAVKO STANICA -- ALL DESCRIBED AS RETIRED. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF CREATING AN ILLEGAL GROUP, WHICH WORKED FROM A "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY COMINFORMIST" POSITION TO OVERTHROW BY FORCE THE "SELF-MANAGEMENT SOCIAL ORDER" IN YUGOSLAVIA. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORTS, THE THREE MAINTAINED TIES WITH OTHER COMINFORMIST GROUPS IN BELGRADE, NOVI SAD, AND BANJA LUKA. ALSO, THE THREE OF THEM HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRIED FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

2. COMMENT: IN DECEMBER THE FEDERAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR REPORTED TO THE YUGOSLAV ASSEMBLY THAT THREE PERSONS WERE UNDER INVESTIGATION IN SPLIT FOR COMINFORMIST ACTIVITY, ALONG WITH OTHERS IN SERBIA, VOJVODINA, BANJA LUKA, ZAGREB AND SKOPLJE. SINCE INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST COMINFORMIST GROUPS IN NOVI SAD, BANJA LUKA AND SPLIT, WE EXPECT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST THE THREE OR FOUR COMINFORMISTS REPORTEDLY

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3. INTERESTINGLY, THE MAJOR ZAGREB DAILY, VJESNIK, CARRIED ON THE SAME PAGE AS THE REPORT FROM SPLIT A REPORT ABOUT A PRAVDA ARTICLE PRAISING ANDREI ZDANOV, STALIN'S CHIEF HENCHMAN IN READING THE YUGOSLAVS OUT OF THE COMINFORM. KAISER

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